

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--;

Amend paragraph 1 as follows:

--The invention relates to a strip casting machine, comprised of two casting rollers arranged essentially parallel to each other, ~~according to the preamble of claim 1--;~~

After the first paragraph insert:

--2. Description of the Related Art--;

Page 2, before the first full paragraph insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 2, delete second paragraph and replace with the following paragraph:

--In accordance with the present invention, the strip casting machine is composed of two casting rollers arranged parallel to each other, forming a casting gap delimited on both sides by narrow lateral guides, and a stand supporting the casting rollers, wherein the casting rollers are provided with cooled roll barrels forming the adjustable casting gap. Bearing journals are provided for supporting the casting rollers on the stand, wherein the cooled roll barrel is composed essentially of a cylindrical casing. The casing of each casting roller is supported on at least both sides thereof by support elements which are mounted rotatably on a

stationary axle attached to the stand, wherein at least one of the support elements is drivable.--

Page 4, before fourth paragraph, insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 6, before second paragraph insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;